

Past Continuous – Complete Lesson

1. Usage

Past Continuous is used for actions that were happening at a specific time in the past, background actions, and interrupted actions.

- 1 I was working at 8 p.m.
- 2 She was studying when I called.
- 3 They were watching TV last night.
- 4 He was driving at that moment.
- 5 We were talking during the meeting.
- 6 I was reading when the phone rang.
- 7 She was cooking while I was cleaning.
- 8 They were playing outside.
- 9 He was sleeping at midnight.
- 10 We were waiting for the bus.

2. Structure

Subject + was/were + verb + -ing

- 1 I was working
- 2 You were studying
- 3 They were playing
- 4 He was working
- 5 She was reading
- 6 It was raining

3. Negative Sentences

Subject + was/were not + verb + -ing

- 1 I was not working.
- 2 She was not sleeping.
- 3 They were not watching TV.
- 4 He was not studying.
- 5 We were not listening.
- 6 I wasn't reading.
- 7 She wasn't calling.
- 8 They weren't trying.
- 9 He wasn't coming.
- 10 We weren't practicing.

4. Questions

Was/Were + subject + verb + -ing?

- 1 Were you working?
- 2 Was she reading?
- 3 Were they watching TV?
- 4 Was he studying?
- 5 Were you traveling?

- 6 Were you listening?
- 7 Was she calling?
- 8 Were they trying?
- 9 Was he coming?
- 10 Were you practicing?

5. Common Time Expressions

- 1 at that moment
- 2 at 8 p.m.
- 3 while
- 4 when
- 5 all day yesterday
- 6 last night
- 7 at midnight

6. More Examples

- 1 I was working when you called.
- 2 She was studying all evening.
- 3 They were living in Ankara.
- 4 He was driving to work.
- 5 We were watching a movie.
- 6 I was learning English.
- 7 She was preparing dinner.
- 8 They were building something.
- 9 He was feeling tired.
- 10 We were discussing the plan.

7. Practice

- 1 I ____ (work) at 8 p.m.
- 2 She ____ (study) when I called.
- 3 They ____ (watch) TV.
- 4 He ____ (drive) home.
- 5 We ____ (talk) during the meeting.
- 6 I ____ (read) when the phone rang.
- 7 She ____ (cook) dinner.
- 8 They ____ (build) a house.
- 9 He ____ (sleep) at midnight.
- 10 We ____ (wait) for the bus.